

## **Mayor's Message**

June 2010

Welcome to summer! I always look forward to long, warm days when there is time to be outdoors and enjoy the activities taking place around the City. Before we know it, the Fourth of July holiday will be here. This year, we will enjoy celebrating our Nation's birthday on Saturday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> with the parade and Fun Days in Murray Park. If there is space on your calendar, you won't find a more action-packed, fun-filled day to enjoy with friends and family. I appreciate our City staff and the many volunteers who work diligently to keep this traditional celebration lively and well attended.

Hopefully you have noticed the banner on the overpass in front of Murray High reminding you of our participation with the national "America in Bloom" competition. Judges will be coming to our City on June 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> to provide feedback to us on what we do well and what we could improve. I hope you will participate with us by cleaning, weeding, mowing, trimming, and picking up around your home, neighborhood, school or business. The judges tour most of our City during their visit and I look forward to showing them our beautiful community. Thank you for your efforts to make Murray a unique and lovely place to call home.

Work has been completed on the budget for the upcoming fiscal year 2010-11. With our sales tax revenue dropping almost \$3 million dollars annually since 2007, it has been a challenge to fund the operations of the City. There will not be a fast nor easy resolution to these reductions, but all avenues are being explored and considered. The Council and I feel a strong determination to provide the best possible services at the most reasonable costs. We have a wonderful quality of life here and we all want to continue to find that "There's More to Murray."

I hope you enjoy your summer in a safe, slower-paced manner. I am anticipating time to stop and smell the roses and wish you the same.